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National Energy Board Seeks Public Input on the Scope of The EasternAccess Pipeline Environmental Assessment

CALGARY - The National Energy Board (NEB) is seeking public input on the scope of the environmental assessment for the proposed EasternAccess Pipeline Project.

The draft document sets out the work to be done in the environmental assessment and is based on a project description filed with the NEB by Trans Québec and Maritimes Pipeline Inc. The purpose of this public consultation is to seek comments from the public to finalize the extent of the environmental assessment.

The NEB and Transport Canada are responsible for ensuring that the environmental assessment meets the requirements set out in the scoping document.

The project consists of building a 30-inch (762 millimetre) gas pipeline between Cacouna and Saint-Nicolas, in the province of Québec. The pipeline, approximately 230 kilometres in length, would transport natural gas from the proposed LNG terminal in Cacouna to markets in Québec, Ontario and northeastern United States.

The scope of the environmental assessment, along with a letter outlining details such as the environmental assessment process and opportunities for future public participation, can be found on the NEB web site at www.neb-one.gc.ca in a document entitled **Scope and Detailed Guidelines for Environmental Assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, TQM Pipeline EasternAccess Project**.

Written comments on the draft environmental assessment scoping document may be filed by mail, facsimile or online with the Secretary of the National Energy Board.

Please note that while the scoping document and letter state that the deadline for filing comments would be Friday, 12 October 2007, the NEB has decided to extend the comment period to allow more time for public input. The new deadline has been set for Wednesday, 31 October 2007.

Filings can be sent by mail to:

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Filings can be sent by facsimile at 403-292-5503 or toll free at 1-877-288-8803.

An on-line comment form is also available on the NEB web site. The link can be found in the right hand margin, scroll down to "Anticipated Applications" and under "EasternAccess Pipeline," scroll down to "**Scope and Detailed Guidelines for Environmental Assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, TQM Pipeline EasternAccess Project**," and click on the link entitled "On-line Comment Form").

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